# QUINNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN 861 LOWER RIVER RD LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND 02865

Warden's Meeting Minutes: April 5, 2016

# Members present:

Moderator; Russell Hervieux Warden; David Garneau Warden; Mike Williams, Tax Collector, Jerianne Nunes

Secretary; Tom Hagen Chief Stephen Nunes

Missing: Warden; James Larivee, Treasurer; Claire Girard

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Moderator Russell Hervieux.

# Secretary's report:

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the secretary's report. Motion passed.

# Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Claire Girard was absent from the meeting. No report was presented.

## **Tax Collector's Report:**

Jerianne Nunes reports \$86,907.26 has been collected for the 2015-2016 tax year. Budgeted for said year was \$89,900 for a shortfall of approximately \$3,000. Jerianne reported that new properties that were missed in billing would have brought the budget to \$94,000, leaving the shortfall closer to \$7,000. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

Fees for late payments

A resident has contacted Jerianne multiple times regarding late fees on her home and vehicles, citing a statute that nobody seemed to be aware of. Mike Williams was unable to find any such statute while researching the issue. The discussion ended with a motion to waive the fees from the resident one-time and have them placed on watch for future occurrences.

#### **New Business**

2016-2017 Budget

Chief Nunes distributed a copy of the 2015-2016 budget. Each of the line items were discussed. Highlights:

Regarding the Vision software for tax roll use, the yearly support fee was increased \$50 to \$1900 Insurance for building, truck and equipment was increased 3% to \$6415.

Purchases and maintenance for equipment unchanged at \$5,000

Call person and payroll expenses were increased from \$20,700 to \$22,270 to facilitate an increase in call person hourly pay.

Increases for district officers were proposed for moderator, tax collector, treasurer.

To attract the open warden vacancy, an annual stipend of \$250 for each warden was suggested. Pending the upcoming real estate revaluation, no significant change in the tax rate is anticipated.

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## Waived Late Fees

Two residents were approved to have their late fees waived after their cases were presented to the wardens.

# Fire District Meeting Notice

Moderator Russell Hervieux requested \$500 to place a notice in the Valley Breeze and for supplies and postage postcards to district residents for the upcoming May fire district meeting. Funds approved.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:47pm. Motion passed.

The next meeting scheduled is the annual fire district meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30pm